



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Draft Removal Action Workplan
for the
GAINES PROPERTY

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) announces the availability of the Draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for public review and comment from November 15, 2002 through December 16, 2002 for the Gaines Property. The Gaines Property is located at 1795 11th Street, Oakland, Alameda County, California 94607.

DTSC is the agency overseeing the investigation and cleanup activities at the site. The contaminant of concern is lead in the soil. The Draft RAW proposes to remove lead contaminated soil that is above the cleanup goal of 350 parts-per million (ppm). This cleanup goal is protective of human health and will allow unrestricted future land use. Soil above 350 ppm will be disposed at an appropriate landfill.

To comply with the California Environmental Quality Act, DTSC has evaluated the project to determine potential environmental impacts of the proposed cleanup plan. DTSC has determined that the proposed cleanup plan is exempt from CEQA and would have no negative impact on the environment due to the small volume of soil, the limited area, and the short time period necessary to complete the removal action. Therefore, DTSC is proposing to issue a Notice of Exemption for the project.

DTSC invites comments on the Draft RAW for the site during the 30-day public comment period beginning November 15, 2002 and ending December 16, 2002. Written and oral comments will be accepted at a public meeting to be held:

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1485 8TH STREET,
OAKLAND, CA 94607
DECEMBER 4, 2002
6:00 PM

You can review the Draft RAW at the following locations:

City of Oakland Public Library
West Oakland Branch
1801 Adeline Street
Oakland, California 94607

Department of Toxic Substances Control
700 Heinz Avenue, Suite 200
Berkeley, California 94710
By appointment: call (510) 540-3800

The full administrative record is available at the above DTSC office.

Written comments may also be mailed to Sarah Stenehjem, Project Manager, at the DTSC address below and must be postmarked by December 16, 2002. DTSC will consider all comments received before finalizing the Draft RAW. Questions about this project can be directed to Sarah Stenehjem at (510) 540-3828, sstenehj@dtsc.ca.gov, or Rachelle Maricq, DTSC Public Participation Coordinator at (510) 540-3910, rmaricq@dtsc.ca.gov. For media questions, please call Angela Blanchette, DTSC Public Information Officer at (510) 540-3732, ablanche@dtsc.ca.gov.